

FEATURING BEST PRACTICES OF STATE AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Analyze Data Conducting Evaluation Studies

**Virginia Department of Health
implemented this best practice
in September 1991**

*Qualifying under the
Best Practices catalogue*

4 Execute the Organizational Mission
42 Provide operational information support
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Best Practice Summary (how it works, how you measure it)

The Division of HIV/STD of the Virginia Department of Health routinely conducts evaluation studies to validate HIV/AIDS reporting completeness throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. The validation studies are conducted by trained epidemiologists who conduct these studies with health departments, hospitals, and private providers. Virginia's HIV reporting completeness is measured by a formula that assesses total cases reported and new cases ascertained during the study.

Impact on the Process Organizational Performance (OUTCOMES)

The Division maintains strong HIV/AIDS reporting throughout Virginia. The average reporting completeness in Virginia is 90%. To date, over 1,500 HIV/AIDS cases have been added to Virginia's HIV/AIDS morbidity figures. These data are used to monitor the epidemic, to target prevention efforts, and to allocate resources for prevention and treatment of HIV.

Best Practice Qualification

This practice is a model utilized and recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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